

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 20 remain in the present application.

Claims 1 and 11 – 20 stand rejected as being allegedly anticipated by Hoshi et al. under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). A Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 is filed herewith evidencing prior intention, rendering this rejection moot.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that claims 1 and 11 – 20 are in condition for allowance.

Indication that claims 7 – 11 contain allowable subject matter and allowance of claims 2 – 6 are recognized and appreciated.

It is noted that this Office Action has been made Final, whereby applicants submit that the present Response places the application in condition for allowance and respectfully requested entrance thereof.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action.

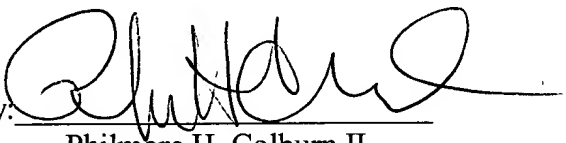
Accordingly, as the cited references neither anticipate nor render obvious that which the applicant deems to be the invention, it is respectfully requested that claims 1 – 20 be passed to issue.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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